

Washington, DC 20515

April 20, 1999

The Honorable James Oberstar
Ranking Member
Committee On Transportation and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Jim:

We are writing to express our strong opposition to certain provisions which may be included in the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (WRDA 99), which is to be considered by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee this week.

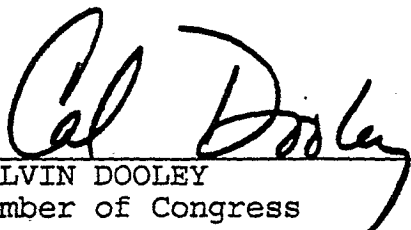
We understand that these water supply provisions may be tied to the American River flood control project.

We strongly support a greater degree of flood protection for the residents of Sacramento, and also strongly support the development of new storage and other measures to increase the reliability of water supply and improve water quality throughout California. However, we do not believe that it is appropriate to incorporate into WRDA 99 the water supply provisions that Mr. Doolittle has linked to the flood control proposal for the American River.

Inclusion of these particular water supply proposals in WRDA 99 would disrupt CALFED, which is the established stakeholder consensus-building process seeking a long-term solution to California's water supply situation. Adding new water demands on the system through WRDA would create new winners and losers among water users in California, thereby making continued constructive dialogue considerably more difficult.

We urge you to oppose provisions that would create new demands on California's limited water supply, and to support those providing necessary flood protection for Sacramento.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress


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Member of Congress

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